

**SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

House Joint Resolution 6

**Testimony of Joel A. Clairmont
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MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

For the record, my name is Joel A. Clairmont, deputy director of the Montana Department of Agriculture. On behalf of the Director of Agriculture Nancy K. Peterson, I am here to testify in support of House Joint Resolution 6.

Governor Schweitzer was the first Governor in the nation to endorse the 25 x '25 Initiative by signing a resolution in March of 2006 to support the increased production of renewable energy by the agricultural community.

Developing our potential renewable energy resources in Montana is critical to a secure energy supply for our citizens and ultimately our nation. Agriculture can play a big role in helping to solve America's energy supply problems and stands ready to accept the challenge.

We appreciate your consideration and urge your support of House Joint Resolution 6.